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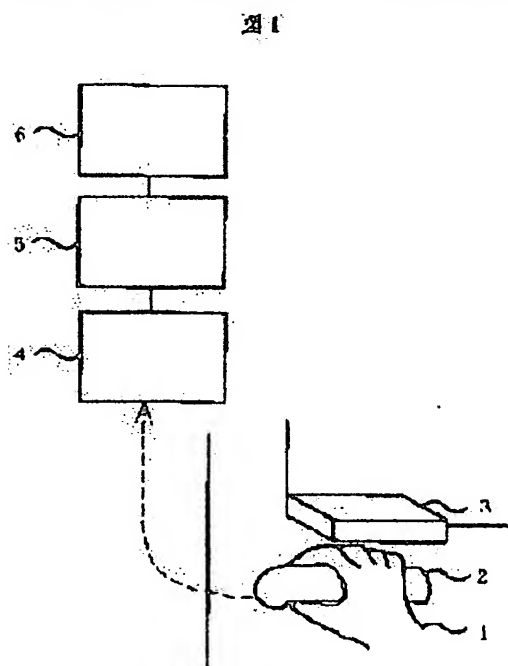
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(54) DEVICE FOR AUTHENTICATING INDIVIDUAL



(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To acquire a finger image with high reproducibility and to improve the accuracy of individual authentication by the vein pattern of a finger based on suitable image processing and collating processing.

SOLUTION: The finger image of an objecting person is acquired by a handle-shaped data acquiring part 2 and fetched through an input device 4 into an arithmetic unit 5. Concerning the finger image, directional filtering processing to become integration-like processing in the long-axis direction of a finger, which is the main running direction of a blood vessel, and to become differentiation-like processing in the orthogonal short-axis direction is applied and authentication is performed by comparing the image with the Registered finger image data of that person himself registered in a storage device 6. Thus,

by making the objecting person grasp the handle-shaped data acquiring part having a curvature, the image data of plural fingers can be acquired with high reproducibility, further, a non-uniform background is removed from the finger image by directional filtering processing, an image intensifying a blood vessel image usable for the arithmetic of authentication can be provided and high- accuracy individual authentication is enabled.